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In re Application of: LEON et al.
Application No. 10/814,597
Filed: April 1, 2004
For: FASTENING DEVICE, PARTICULARLY FOR HOLDING TOGETHER A STACK OF AT LEAST TWO PANELS

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- ☐ Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
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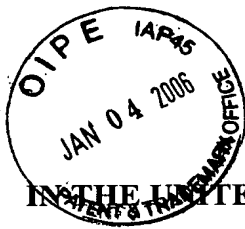
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 4, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.